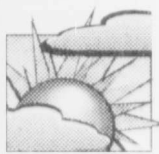


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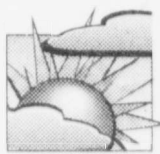
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In this issue, we look at the different life stages and styles students embrace on the Cal Poly campus.

— Kim Kaney, managing editor

Student-parents balance work, school

Classes and work demand a lot of time. Add a child into the mix, and things get even more complicated. Many Cal Poly students have to juggle time with their kid and their classmates.

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ASI Children's Center supports parents

The Children's Center takes care of more than 100 children on the Cal Poly campus. Many of the children's parents are Cal Poly students.

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Three couples juggle finals, wedding plans

Most Cal Poly students are planning on when they can move out of their apartment and head home. Other students are planning a wedding.

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Gays, bisexuals adjust to life on Poly campus

Homosexuals in San Luis Obispo have to adapt to a unique culture — one that is sometimes hostile to them.

Poly Women's Center offers useful resources

The Women's Center — set up in the University Union — provides support to both men and women on the Cal Poly campus.

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Embracing life

Students find a way to embrace the challenges of a changing world



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Student-parents balance full-time school, work, play

By Dina Chatman
Mustang Daily

Students are familiar with creating a balancing act between school, work and socializing. But when a child is brought into the picture, those balances may become more uneven.

When it comes to being a parent while in college, stress is a big part of the package, said Debra Valencia-Laver, associate professor of psychology. Having been a student-parent herself, Valencia-Laver can look back and pinpoint which factors made the demands easier to handle.

"Having a good social support system and understanding teachers helped," she said. "There needs to be flexibility on the part of both the teacher and the student."

Flexibility does not mean always asking a teacher to extend deadlines or make exceptions, she said. A teacher who is able to understand there are other things going on, such as a child getting sick, enables the student to better handle the demands of school and family.

Valencia-Laver said student-parents are more likely to be selective as to when it is necessary to not go to class. The fact that a father is not feeling well will probably not keep him from hopping into the car to go to lecture. If the student's child becomes sick, however, class usually takes a back seat to caring for the child.

She said it is stressful to juggle a family, midterms and projects, but the stress does not need to be overwhelming.

"There are always individual differences," she said. Those individual differences, including the psychological and intellectual capacities of the student-parent, determine the level of stress the parent can tolerate.

She said that being a student-parent is difficult, but it has its rewards.

"In some ways, having a child in college gives you more of a reason to want to succeed," Valencia-Laver said.

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— Debra Valencia-Laver
psychology associate professor

Success comes with being able to deal with life's ups and downs.

Architecture junior Gia Sims laughed when asked if her time gets spread thinly between school and being a single mother. Balancing time between carrying 15 to 17 units a quarter, working 20 hours a week and raising her daughter can be a job in itself.

"My time is so demanding," she said. "I have to weigh every hour."

She said there is a trade-off when it comes to deciding whether to stay longer in lab or spend quality time with her daughter.

"If I'm not in lab, I'm missing out on the interaction that goes on between peers," she said.

Sims said raising her daughter will always come before school, although she tries to meet the demands of classes. Simple things that others take for granted become essential moments that she can spend with her daughter. Watching the news, attending church with her daughter and listening to her child read stories at night all help tie the frayed loose ends created by spending so much time in class.

"I've had a lot of success, but my biggest thing is my support network," she said. "There are always friends around who would enjoy being 'big sister' for a few hours."

Sims said her mother instilled in her a maternal instinct at an early age. While this is another reason for her success, she had to learn how to raise a child of her own.

"You've just got to get to the point where you can make sacrifices," she said. "Nine times out of 10, it's going to work out for the best."



File photo/Mustang Daily

HANGIN' OUT: Students are parents of most of the 113 children enrolled in the Children's Center day-care program.

ASI Children's Center supports parents

By F. Xavier Lanier II
Mustang Daily

The Associated Students Inc. Children's Center offers day care for children of Cal Poly students, staff and faculty. The center is located on campus and has strong parent involvement.

Children must be at least four months old to be in the program and can stay through kindergarten. Students are parents of most of the 113 children enrolled in the day-care program.

Fees depend how long children stay, their age and how many times they go to the center each week. The center charges \$20 per day for children who are more than three years old and stay all day. The center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The fees include breakfast, snacks and lunch.

"There's all sorts of projects and activities that meet the children's needs," Children's Center assistant Gail Kennedy-King said.

"We have 80 to 90 paid student assistants, depending on the quarter," King said. "There's a wide variety of majors. They receive training from course staff teachers."

Some students work at the center to prepare themselves for careers and because they enjoy working with kids.

"I worked at a pre-school for several years before working here," said Laurie Hunt, a human development senior. "I missed working with kids. This job allows me to go to school and work with kids."

Having the center on campus allows for convenient pick-ups and

drop-offs and for parent interaction.

"We have parents come in for lunch all the time," Hunt said. "A mother came in today to read stories to the children before rest time."

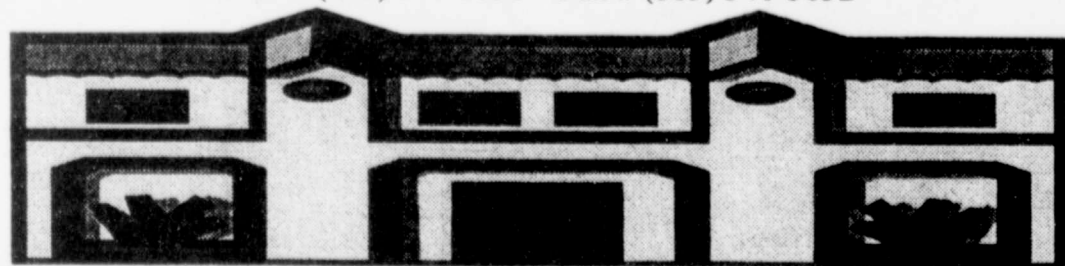
The Children's Center opened in 1973 and was housed in a barracks building where Robert E. Kennedy Library now stands. The center is now located across the street from the Alumni House. The new facility has six classrooms and a play area.

Hunt will attend Pacific Oaks college to get her teaching credential after she graduates in June.

The Children's Center is running a summer field trip program called Poly Trekkers. It is open for kindergarten to fourth graders.

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Three couples juggle finals, wedding plans

By Ryan Miller
Mustang Daily

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet found true love between the houses of Montague and Capulet.

Here in San Luis Obispo, six students have found love between houses on Walnut and Highland.

The three grooms-to-be are all residents of the house on Walnut Street. The three future brides all live together on Highland Drive. Each of the three couples is engaged to be married within a year. Steve Dehrer and Debbie Walker, Jeff Dueck and Melissa Jones, and Jason Jones and Jenny Colomy will hear wedding bells in the chimes from the campus clock tower for the rest of this quarter.

Most students find balancing work, finals and graduation preparations a nerve-wracking task. Each of the three San Luis Obispo couples are doing all of the necessary end-of-the-year activities and planning weddings, too.

Jeff Dueck and Melissa Jones

On May 13, after Farmer's Market, dinner and ice cream downtown, Dueck sat Jones down on a bench in front of the Frog and Peach Pub.

Dueck had been hinting all night at a belated birthday present by presenting Jones with a watch ad bearing the message, "WATCH out. The TIME is now." Instead of giving her a watch, however, he popped the question.

"The crowds started forming and cheering," said Dueck, a business senior. "She said yes."

Then, it was back to the books.

"It's hard to study and stay focused,

because you're trying to set dates and plan the wedding and all those things," Dueck said. "It's also kind of a choice. When you have a block of time, you can either study or plan the wedding. It's a lot more fun to plan the wedding."

With the wedding scheduled for Nov. 27, Dueck and Jones have only six months to plan a budget, arrange the wedding party and find candle-lighters and flower girls.

The women housemates ease some of the planning craziness by sharing stacks of bridal magazines. Still, Jones is feeling the pressure of arranging wedding details and concentrating on school as well. Walking across the stage at graduation in two weeks is her top priority.

"There are decisions I have to be making right now, but I have to wait because I'm getting my senior project done," said Jones, a mathematics senior.

Steve Dehrer and Debbie Walker

On August 10, 1998, Dehrer took Walker to Barnes & Noble to pick up a book his mom had ordered for him. At the front counter, they were presented with a dictionary wrapped in plastic.

Walker, a liberal studies junior, wondered why Dehrer's mom would order him a dictionary. She didn't find the answer she was expecting. Unknown to Walker, Dehrer had placed pictures and a poem in the pages of the book. The last line of the poem told Walker to look up the word "love."

Dehrer had highlighted the definition and hollowed out a spot for the ring, Walker said.

The wedding is scheduled for August

7. Even with almost a year to plan, Dehrer, a political science senior, and Walker sometimes have difficulty finding a moment to relax.

"It has been stressful at times, with school for both of us, and with me graduating," Dehrer said.

Walker said between school, work, wedding plans, commitments with friends and family and Bible study, she has to work at keeping her attention on the right areas.

"It's very hard to concentrate, because all I want to think about is the wedding," Walker said, "but I have to make myself sit down and study and pay attention in class and not daydream about flowers."

Jason Jones and Jenny Colomy

On May 5, Colomy, a fourth-year student, was surprised by flowers and gifts from Jones throughout the entire day. One present was an empty picture frame with an attached note requesting a photograph to fill it.

That night, Jones, a city and regional planning senior, took Colomy out to dinner. On the table at the restaurant was a small, wrapped box — perfectly sized to hold a ring.

"Finally, after I dragged out dinner as long as I possibly could, I said to go ahead and open the present," Jones said. "It was a box of film."

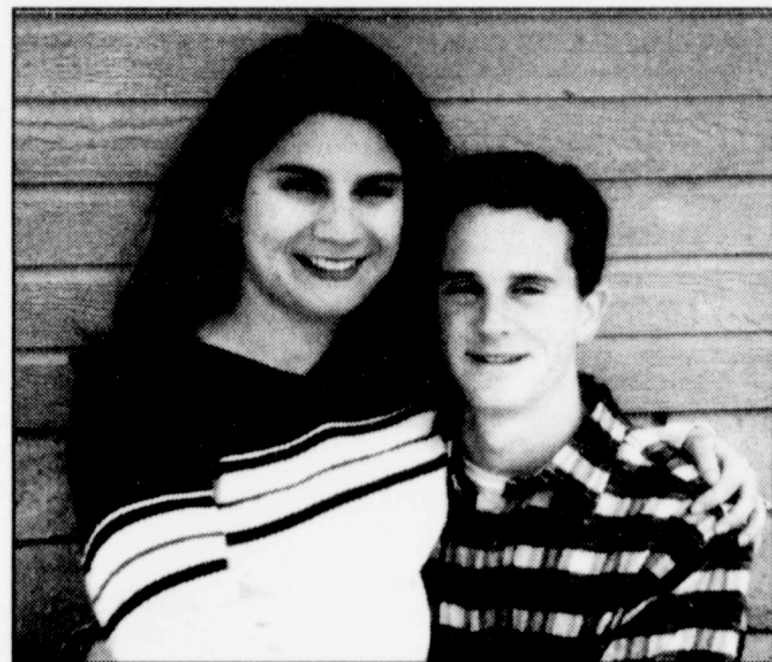
The film bore a note explaining it should be used to take a suitable picture for the frame Colomy received earlier. Jason got up to get a tissue for his allergies as Jenny loaded the camera.

Instead of an empty film chamber,



HAPPY COUPLES: Jeff Dueck and Melissa Jones (Above left), Jason Jones and Jenny Colomy (Above right) and Steve Dehrer and Debbie Walker are all engaged to be married within the next year.

Courtesy photos



Colomy found a ring, and Jones down on one knee.

The wedding is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2000.

"We got together on leap year and got engaged on Cinco De Mayo, so we've got to stick with the holiday thing," Jones said.

Unlike their time-pressed housemates, Jones and Colomy are managing peacefully.

"We haven't been stressing or anything," Jones said. "We've got quite a bit of time. We're on the ball."

Colomy is excited for her marriage, as well as the marriages of her housemates. Still, she is bracing herself for the numerous ceremonies fast approaching.

"What's more stressful than planning your wedding is going to all the other weddings," Colomy said.

Gay, lesbian bisexuals adjust to Poly campus

By Whitney Phaneuf
Mustang Daily

Being a visibly gay man at Cal Poly isn't always easy, but art and design sophomore Kevin Gobeel is not taking the easy way out.

"Part of who I am is a homosexual man and I'm not going to hide any part of who I am," said Gobeel, often recognized by his classmates from panel discussions in which he participates and his involvement in Gay Lesbian Bisexual United.

He describes Cal Poly as a "really conservative, closed-minded" atmosphere for homosexuals. Gobeel has experienced some homophobic acts on campus, including a threatening note. While making a quick stop at the library to check his e-mail someone left a napkin on his car with the message, "Die Faggot."

Unlike many heterosexual couples on campus, Gobeel wouldn't hold hands with a boyfriend while strolling to class. He said he does not feel comfortable, especially after he dodged golf balls thrown at him and a boyfriend while holding hands in Los Angeles.

Sharon Perkins, an aeronautical engineering senior, also never engaged in public displays of affection with her girlfriend while walking around Cal Poly.

"It's not Castro (District in San Francisco) and I didn't want to push my luck," Perkins said.

She considers herself a bisexual, and openly discussed her sexual orientation as a freshman in the residence halls. One woman on her floor felt so

uneasy with Perkins, she moved out of the dorm room she was living in claiming she wasn't getting along with her roommate.

"Her roommate was cool with me being gay and she was uncomfortable about that," Perkins said.

A rainbow, the symbol of gay pride, in the form of a sticker, was ripped off Perkins' car three times she lived in the dorms, and twice while she parked on campus. She was angry and frustrated the first time she discovered the sticker missing from the rear bumper of her car.

Growing up in the Bay area, Perkins said she wasn't used to the discrimination she found at Cal Poly.

"It made me aware of how conservative this town is," she said.

Active president of GLBU, Becky Witten, thinks San Luis Obispo is a comfortable place to be gay. She said she moved here two and a half years ago and felt the support of the GLBU, as well as the Gay And Lesbian Alliance. Excluding an "ignorant" co-worker, Witten said she has not felt any discrimination against her. Although she does view Cal Poly as a highly conservative community. The recent GLBU flier which sparked controversy around campus was taken from a postcard Witten owned.

"I believe it's art. (The women are) just kissing," she said.

Witten said GLBU was established sometime in the 1970s, originally called the Gay Student Union. The club has about 50 members, and Witten said the weekly meetings usually draw about 30 people. Witten said studies state one in ten people are gay,

lesbian, or bisexual, and she believes Cal Poly fits that statistic. Gobeel agrees there are probably many homosexuals on campus who just can't admit it.

"The minority are those who are out and gay. I don't think homosexuals are the minority when you include those still in the closet," Gobeel said.

Another club addressing issues for homosexuals at Cal Poly is the recently established Queer Latinos. Landscape architecture freshman David Perez started the club this quarter and so far there are 15 members, most of whom are heterosexual.

"We want them to be there so they know how to support us and learn about the queer Latino culture," Perez said.

Perez saw the need for a club that embraced both gay and Latino issues.

"We needed to start our own group to find our own identity and bridge the gap between the two communities," he said.

Business senior Colleen Mitchell, who is heterosexual, feels it is important for homosexual students to feel comfortable and involved in Cal Poly.

"I think everyone has a right to express their sexuality, culture, or political views on this campus," Mitchell said.

Both GLBU and Queer Latinos encourage anyone to attend their meetings. The clubs help members learn more about homosexuality for themselves and others. Witten said to expect more GLBU fliers in the future.

"We are here and we're not going away," Witten said.

Women's Center offers resource to men, women

By F. Xavier Lanier II
Mustang Daily

The Women's Center is a resource for students to learn more about women's issues and coordinate events. It is also the home of the Panhellenic council, Take Back the Night, Women's Programs and the National Organization for Women.

The Center is also the future home of the REMEMBER campaign.

Located on the second floor of the University Union, the center serves as a resource and referral service for women and men on campus.

"If women have questions or concerns about sexual harassment they can come in," said Pat Harris, coordinator of Women's Programs.

The Center coordinates safety and awareness events throughout the year. Many of the programs are partnerships with local non-profit organizations.

"We sponsor a welcome new women staff and faculty," Harris said. "We also coordinate Women's Month in February."

The Women's Center is open to all students, not just women.

"We're happy to see people

"I feel strongly that if we want to make a change, it needs to involve men and women."

— Pat Harris
women's program
coordinator

walk in. Men are totally welcome to come in and join the conversation," Harris said. "I feel strongly that if we want to make a change, it needs to involve men and women."

The Women's Center has an open-door policy and students are encouraged to get involved in its many programs or just hang out.

"It's a really cool place for people to hang out," said Sharon Perkins, coordinator of Take Back the Night and an aeronautical engineering senior. "These events wouldn't happen as much if we didn't have a center."

The center has been open for three years and is funded by Student Life and Activities with an endowment that is run through Cal Poly Foundation.

It's hard to leave, but you can take your memories

It's almost time for me to leave the hallways of Cal Poly behind. The tenth week of the quarter has crept up on me and now I have so little time to do everything I wanted. The realization of leaving San Luis Obispo and everything that has happened to me here is so overwhelmingly sad, I can hardly stand it.

What am I going to do without good tri-tip? I never even had tri-tip before I came here. Where am I going to get a sandwich like Gus's Grocery makes? What am

I going to do without SLO Brew? These questions haunt me in my sleep. I have gotten so used to the SLO life that going back to San Diego (my hometown) is going to be a little strange.

When I first arrived in San Luis Obispo, I thought I had made a horrible mistake. I hated it! I was a city girl. I needed drive-thrus, and most of all, shopping malls — the Central Coast Mall is a sorry example. I hated that everything closed at six and didn't understand why everyone



Tonie Baez

around here hated growth.

Now, I couldn't be happier with my decision about coming to Cal Poly. I think San Luis is pretty cool and I definitely hope to come back every once in a while. I've actually learned to live without drive-thrus and even the non-existent mall situation isn't bad, since I never have a lot of money to shop anyway.

For the most part, I'm still a city girl. I truly enjoy all the diversity a city can offer from its people to entertainment to opportunities. I know my life is somewhere that is not San Luis Obispo, but it's still hard to let go. So much has happened here. I met my best friends here. I found love, I lost love, I even think I might have met the love of my life.

I grew up here. When I came here, I was a girl and now I feel a lot more like a woman. I learned more than I had ever imagined I would, not only about my major, but about the world and about people. I have actually grown closer to my family since moving away. I appreciate them a lot more. Maybe it was the realization that we weren't always going to be together anymore.

San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly have also brought me confidence. I now have the confidence in myself to do what I want no matter what people think about me. I have gained independence. I can speak my mind and don't care what others say. I have confidence in my ability to accomplish extraordinary things. I know I can and someday I will.

I may be leaving the halls of Cal Poly behind, but what I will never leave behind are the memories of what this time in my life has meant to me. What am I going to do without Cal Poly? I don't know yet, but I'm sure I'll be okay. All I have to do is close my eyes and dream about the green hills after the rains, the ocean hitting the cliffs and all the good times.

Tonie Baez is a political science senior.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thumbs up for funny letter

Editor:

As a future Cal Poly English student, I have only one more semester left at Cuesta. I feel I should add my two cents toward Mike Huntoon's letter, "Stop bitching and get over it," May 26.

I read it, and quite frankly, it was hilarious! I am sure Huntoon did not intend for my particular reaction; however, his "bitching" in response to the Poly students "bitching" was perfect. The students' at Cal Poly are supposed to be "adults" (or maybe "semi-adults" would fit the profile more accurately). There are things that happen that we, as students, can do nothing about. Do I need to remind everyone we are not back in junior high when the law of the land was to complain about every jot and tittle? Just living in this society is insulting enough. The true test of maturity is whether you can suck it up and deal with it.

So as Huntoon profoundly reminded us all: Get over it!

Genesea M. Carter is a future Cal Poly student.

Reader responds to 'bitch'

Editor:

This is regarding the well-thought out, brilliantly written letter by Mike Huntoon, "Stop bitching and get over it," May 26. I would like to thank you for writing this masterpiece, it made my day. I agreed when

you called yourself a "complete bitch." But after that, there are some confusing issues.

According to you, people are "adult enough to dress for themselves." They have the freedom to wear what they want. So, I am a little confused when you address the ladies for help to "keep it up." Back to your educated opinion.

I think all the people at this school are adult enough to think for themselves, and any person who can't handle seeing a little pro-gay information around campus should go back to their sheltered, ignorant, republican, unenlightened, unevolved mommies and daddies who are still preaching that gay people are the product of Satan. Wake up. It's 1999 and you're defending discrimination by a Cal Poly employee. I guess to you freedom is just not hip if it's sexuality. But at least you did not contradict yourself, because if you did you would have looked foolish.

But hey, you did it. You proved to the world that you're not gay, now put on that crazy Hawaiian shirt, give your frat brothers high-fives, a head butt, two noogies, and go watch WWF. It's not just one maintenance worker who "pulls them down", it's a lifetime of repression they are fighting. I may not agree with someone, but what gives me the right to force my will upon others, what gives me the right to tell people how to think?

And now my last point. For anyone using the phrase "Get over it," be sure to realize that you are a retard. This cliché lost its appeal about the tenth time I heard it, and even though this horse has been beaten worse than Rodney King, people still think they are so clever every time

they say it.

Corey Kling is a business freshman.

Referendum could hurt clubs

Editor:

Many students are tired of complaints about Foundation, but this is an important issue that affects the majority, if not all, of the students at Cal Poly. Foundation wants to copyright CP and Cal Poly. I am not against Foundation protecting the logos from businesses. What I am against is Cal Poly clubs will have to pay royalties to use these logos.

I believe student clubs should not have to pay royalties to Foundation. Club T-shirts are great publicity for the university, and a source of revenue for clubs. Additionally, many clubs include Cal Poly or Poly in their names, and this would force royalties to be paid for clothing bearing these names.

The worst insult to students in this matter is the student referendum for this action will take place over the summer quarter, when a good percentage of students are working or travelling.

Why couldn't Foundation publicize this action and hold the referendum during the current spring or upcoming fall quarter? Instead, I had to find out about it through a friend, and the referendum will be held while many students are gone. I encourage you, students and staff, to speak up, and maybe Foundation might listen.

Patrick Pereira is an aeronautical engineering junior.

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Audience joins in wedding in 'Tony 'n' Tina'

By Cassandra Jones
Mustang Daily

Weddings are, for the most part, dull. So there's an occasional cry at the poignancy of the love professed between the two marrieds, with mom's tears producing rivers.

Not so, in San Luis Obispo Little Theatre's last play of the season. "Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding" gives the audience every opportunity to make rivers of tears, not from sentiment, but laughter.

First, the audience arrives to see the play, signing the guest book — for thank you cards, no less. Then, they wait for the groom's men to arrive, so they may be ushered into the temporary home of Saint Thomas the Doubter Church.

What follows is a comedy rich in innuendoes and careful in detail. The mother of the bride walks down the aisle, as if she was the one getting married, adorned with a hairstyle that makes the '60s beehive look

mild.

The father of the bride has a problem with, well, choices. His date is a dancer for "Animal Kingdom," his strip club, and she looks it.

Every character follows this same pattern, allowing the audience the pleasure in observation.

"Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding" represents the classic tacky wedding times 1,000. Put on by Artificial Intelligence and directed by Charles Gill, this play is not acted on stage. Actors and the audience fuse and improvisation becomes the dialogue.

It takes place in two acts, one being the wedding, the second, the reception. It is at the reception, the audience is called on to become the cast.

Some people take the shy approach and just sit back and observe the small scenes taking place as they enjoy a live band, dinner, champagne and wedding cake. Other

audience members become characters, so the line between actors and audience members becomes blurred.

The details in "Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding" are a first class treat to the eyes, if the audience pays attention. Tacky posters of Italy cover the walls at the reception, and the family that hosts it, make staring commonplace.

The wedding runs through June 12, with performances at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 - \$14.

May 22, 23, 27, 28 and June 6 are sold out.

The only way the audience will not enjoy "Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding" is if they don't let the cast take them on this imaginative and hilarious journey, where they can, for one night, become someone they always wanted to be at a tragically tacky wedding.



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COMIC RELIEF: Matt Sage and Yvonne Duran star in Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding at the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre.

New movies opening this week

Notting Hill

Downtown Centre Cinemas
Fri-Mon: 11, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 10:45
Tues-Thurs: 4, 5, 7, 8, 10

Instinct

Downtown Centre Cinemas
Sneak Preview on Sat, May 29 at 7:10 p.m.

The Thirteenth Floor

Edward Cinemas — Fremont
Daily: 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30

The Winslow Boy

Palm Theatre
Daily: 4:15, 7, 9:30
Sat-Mon: 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30

Lovers of the Arctic Circle

Palm Theatre
Daily: 4:15, 7

'The Thirteenth Floor' questions reality

The Associated Press

So this is what it's come to: a movie so visually delicious and subtly sophisticated that its amorphous glob of a plot can pass unnoticed.

The rise of production design to the point where it replaces plot — a pitfall seen recently in "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" — is the fate of "The Thirteenth Floor." It's a cyberpunk-lite fable that reaches for great wisdom (it starts with a quote from Descartes) but manages only to muddle.

"The Thirteenth Floor," like the far superior film "The Matrix," suggests reality isn't necessarily real. It follows the exploits of corporate techie Douglas Hall (Craig Bierko), who helps run a company that has created, in its computers, an artificial reality set in 1937 Los Angeles.

People from the 1999 world, among them Hall

and his boss-mentor Hannon Fuller (Armin Mueller-Stahl), can "jack in" by transferring their consciousnesses into the computer and awakening as characters in the elaborate artificial world they've created.

Trouble is, someone in 1999 has murdered Fuller, and the blood may be on Hall's hands. Hall, who apparently is no murderer, realizes the answer may lie in the strange world the computer has created. And who's this mysterious Jane Fuller (Gretchen Mol), the ethereal beauty who claims to be Fuller's daughter?

It is a mystery, set up in the best neo-noir tradition. And in the process, everything about our world is questioned: personality, time, even reality itself.

This, it seems, is a proliferating notion in today's world of film — blending theology and technology

into a weird, low-level paranoia about existence.

Once we chronicled our angst by creating imaginary worlds and populating them with invented characters. Now, we cope with uncertainty by postulating our world is the imaginary one and we ourselves are the artificial creations. Witness "The Matrix," "Total Recall" and a recent book by Neal Gabler, "Life: The Movie," which ruminates about the blurred lines between reality and entertainment.

But disappointingly, the existential implications of "The Thirteenth Floor" and its nested realities don't pan out.

It could have been an unsettling blend of "The Matrix" and "LA Confidential." Instead, it just fizzles into a bad "Outer Limits" episode. It sports plot holes big enough to accommodate a camera dolly.

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Panel argues Kosovo conflict at Poly

Military, academic leaders critique NATO role in war

By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily

History would give President Clinton an unsatisfactory grade.

At the "War in the Balkans" public forum Wednesday night, Harry Kreisler, from the University of California, Berkeley, said the Clinton Administration's approach to the war in Kosovo is not going to succeed.

Kreisler, one of four academic and military panelists, began the forum by telling the audience in the over-crowded Business lecture hall that the war in Kosovo could have ended a long time ago.

If the Clinton Administration had looked at history, Kreisler said, it would have seen that Milosevic could be stopped only with ground attacks. Now NATO is in the air without ground troops.

He called it an "extraordinary failure of interpretation of intelligence data" to not have a ground strike with the air strike.

Policymakers have to have goals and define the means to achieve those goals. According to Kreisler, the Clinton Administration has not done that.

"The West has mistakenly assumed Milosevic would give up Kosovo to remain in power," he said. "This assumption is incorrect."

Clinton does have a definite goal — to help the people of the Balkans attain stability — and a means to achieve it. "The objectives are very clear as far as we are concerned," said Kamal Beyoghlow, of the U.S. State Department. He spoke on the U.S. policy perspective, giving insight into where NATO is coming from, and what it hopes to accomplish.

"Whether or not you agree with (the air strikes) is not the issue here," he explained. "A great deal of injustice (is being) inflicted on innocent people. We're trying to remedy this one way or another."

He also said NATO's goal is not to defeat and destroy, but to rebuild and include — to ultimately reintegrate Serbia into Europe.

"It's time to let bygones be bygones," Beyoghlow continued, "and start fresh — not just for the Balkans but for the entire European Continent."

Kreisler also said this "New World disorder" comes to us when politicians are haunted by the ghost of the Vietnam conflict. As a result, this Kosovo war has been incompetently managed, he said.



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HISTORICAL CONTEXT: Harry Kreisler, left, of the University of California, Berkeley, said President Clinton's air war in Kosovo is doomed to fail. Dimitrije Djordjevic, right, a professor emeritus of history at the University of California, Santa Barbara, a native of Yugoslavia, said NATO is demonstrating its dominance in post-Cold-War Europe.

U.S. policy calls for no loss of American life, which Kreisler said signifies that "the cause is not so important or so just" as to send troops. Furthermore, policymakers are caught up in the politics of gesture — words but not actions. It's a conflict of consultations with allies before taking action. To consult is to do nothing, he said.

Milosevic, on the other hand, set ethnic cleansing as his goal. He chose to use war crimes — rape, murder and genocide — to achieve his goal, Kreisler said.

"(Now) the means have taken on a momentum of their own" on both sides, he said.

Maj. A.J. Fonzi, a former Army intelligence officer in Bosnia, spoke as a member of the armed forces when he said he has no qualms if the United States decides to fight on the ground.

"I find our current policy (of no U.S. casualties) morally repugnant — as a soldier," he said. "Sometimes when you are so concerned with casualties you risk greater casualties in the future."

"My life is not worth more or less than theirs in Serbia," he continued. "Force has to be applied."

He said Milosevic will be indicted. The govern-

ment situation would only get worse because the number two candidate makes Milosevic appealing.

The Yugoslav president was indicted for war crimes by a U.N. court Thursday, according to newspaper reports.

Dimitrije Djordjevic, a history professor emeritus from the University of California, Santa Barbara, was a member of the resistance movement in Yugoslavia in the 1940s. Thirty years later, he became a U.S. citizen and a professor of Balkan history.

Djordjevic gave the Serbian point of view by beginning with the rhetorical question, "Why just Kosovo?"

He answered with two reasons. Kosovo is in Europe. And NATO needs to demonstrate its dominant role in the post-Cold-War world.

He said he is in a delicate position because "I'm a native Yugoslav, but I have adopted this country."

Djordjevic also touched on the irony of the humanitarian motives — those of saving the refugees and stopping the murders and rapes — and NATO's reluctance to airlift food and water to the refugees.

Faculty approves contract

By Christine Janocko
Mustang Daily

California Faculty Association members have ratified a tentative contract agreement that resolves issues such as merit pay, compensation and lecturer status, and includes a 5.2 percent average salary increase.

A little more than 80 percent of the voting CFA members approved the three-year contract after 15 months of negotiations and bargaining on both sides.

"It's been a long contract battle," said Jim Smith, communications director for CFA.

Of the 3,977 votes cast, 3,197 of the votes were in favor of the agreement. A little more than half of all CFA members voted.

Cal Poly CFA members mirrored the overall results, with 80 percent of the votes approving the agreement. Fifty-eight percent of Cal Poly members participated in the vote.

CFA members voted this week on the agreement, which is now headed for a vote by the CSU Trustees' Committee on Collective Bargaining. The committee will hold a special meeting June 1 for the final vote, Smith said.

There's no question CSU committee members will approve the agreement at the June meeting, Smith said. "They were just waiting for our vote."

The contract will go into effect after it is ratified by the committee next Tuesday. The contract is retroactive, so all the terms and conditions of the agreement will apply back to July 1, 1998, Smith said.

The new agreement contains terms more favorable to CFA union members than the ones in February's rejected contract, said Phil Fetzter, president of Cal Poly's chapter of the CFA.

"I think most people felt this (contract) was much improved," Fetzter said.

About one-third of voting CFA members moved from opposing February's contract to supporting the new contract, Fetzter said.

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Greeks lead effort to make activities safer

By Carla Flores
Mustang Daily

The Interfraternity Council hopes to improve sportsmanship in greek competition by forming a committee to lay out rules and punishments after complaints of unsportsman-like conduct during Greek Week.

The committee, which will meet next fall, will consist of the IFC judicial chair and next year's Greek Week committee.

"We're hoping to put together a set of rules that will make the greek atmosphere more consistent," IFC vice president and next year's Greek Week chair Bryan Johnson said. "Our goal is to prevent problems and help people have a better time."

The committee's rules will apply to all greek tournaments and sports leagues, including fall, winter and spring intramurals, Derby Days and Greek Week.

According to Walt Lambert, coor-

dinator of greek affairs, after 20 years of watching Greek Week, sportsmanship has been no more of a problem this year than in the years past. This is the first year something is being done to prevent problems.

"Ninety percent of the time we receive complaints about unsportsman-like conduct, it's usually about the team that is leading or winning the competition," Lambert said.

This year Pi Kappa Alpha was the fraternity winner of Greek Week and also one of the teams pin pointed for unsportsman-like conduct.

"We take our wins the same way we take our losses, with pride and integrity. It is unfortunate that not all ... fraternities can follow the same ideology," Kevin MacKenzie of Pi Kappa Alpha said.

"We are hoping that next year we can provide all greeks with a friendly atmosphere to compete in," IFC vice president Johnson said.

Vaughn trying to lead Angels to prosperity

ANAHEIM, (AP) — Mo Vaughn refuses to acknowledge the possibility that the Anaheim Angels are jinxed, despite years of freak injuries and just down-right bad fortune.

He just won't hear of it, won't allow himself to accept it, even though he admits several players have been victimized, including himself, in the last three months.

And his injury, a severely sprained left ankle, occurred only a couple minutes into his first game with his new team.

"There ain't no curse, man," Vaughn said. "You've got to come out here and play. This is a war, a nice war, but a war to play. We've got to prepare ourselves for war."

The Angels believe they prepared in the best possible way when they signed Vaughn to a six-year, \$80 million contract in November — the first high-profile free-agent position player they've added since Reggie Jackson 17 years earlier.

"We knew what we were getting," Angels second baseman Randy Velarde said. "There was no mystery, and he's lived up to the billing, you bet. He's been a leader from the start, even though he's hurt."

Running remains a major chore for Vaughn, but he's in the lineup every day as the Angels' designated hitter and hopes to be back at his normal position, first base, when interleague play begins June 4.

With Vaughn out for two weeks and several other key players sidelined, the Angels haven't lived up to their

high expectations, hovering around the .500 mark. However, nobody else in the AL West has played spectacularly, either.

Vaughn was injured when he fell into the Cleveland dugout chasing a foul popup in the season-opener April 6.

"I always think it's going to be day-to-day," Vaughn recalled in an interview this week. "When you wake up in the morning and step out of bed and fall on the floor, you know that you've got problems. That's when I knew I had problems."

"It's feeling better. It was a 90-day process when it happened. I knew I was going to be in pain. I'm about 60 percent. But I feel like at 60 percent, I can still help this team."

A 90-day process, as Vaughn called it, turned into 16 — he was back in the lineup in Toronto on April 22, and homered far over the center field fence in his first at-bat against the Blue Jays.

"They said 90 days, I said, 'You're crazy.' These guys were surprised to see me back in two weeks," Vaughn said of his new teammates.

Vaughn said he was at about 40 percent when he returned. He went back to first base May 5, but the stress on his ankle bothered him so much that he went back to DH duties May 11, and hasn't played first base since.

Despite missing 14 games, he's not far below the AL leaders in homers and RBI.

Brand, Hamilton, Szczerbak added to U.S. national team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — All-Americans Elton Brand and Richard Hamilton, who led their teams to the NCAA championship game last season, were added to the U.S. Olympic qualifying team Thursday.

Also filling one of the final three spots on the roster was Wally Szczerbak, of Miami (Ohio).

Brand, AP's college basketball player of the year, led Duke to a 37-2 record with 17.7 points and 9.8 rebounds a game last season.

Hamilton, the NCAA tournament's outstanding player, helped Connecticut win its first national

men's title. Joining Brand on the AP All-America team, the two-time Big East player of the year averaged 21.5 points a game for the Huskies, who went 34-2 and beat Duke for the title.

Szczerbak, a second-team AP All-America choice and Brand's teammate in last summer's Goodwill Games, led Miami to a 24-8 record and the third round of the NCAA tournament, where he averaged 30 points a game. Picked earlier for the U.S. team were NBA stars Vin Baker, Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett, Tom Gugliotta, Tim Hardaway, Allan Houston, Jason Kidd, Gary Payton and Steve Smith.

Cardinals 3, Giants 2, 12 innings

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After one big hit from Mark McGwire, the San Francisco Giants made sure he couldn't do it again. Then they ended up beating themselves.

McGwire broke up Mark Gardner's no-hit bid with a home run with one out in the sixth inning, and drew intentional walks his last two at-bats in the St. Louis Cardinals' 3-2, 12-inning victory.

"You'd be crazy not to," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "The guy can miss the ball and still hit it 400

or 500 feet. I don't like walking Big Mac but I've got to do what I've got to do. I'm glad we don't see him again for a while."

Two misplays by the Giants gave away the game in the 12th. Eric Davis tripled with one out off Jerry Spradlin (0-1) when his liner to right spun away from Armando Rios.

Davis scored two pitches later when Spradlin missed a pitchout sign and threw a breaking ball that was inside and in the dirt.

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BRIEFS

■ NFL

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A jury has decided that an introduction to pro football Hall of Fame star Paul Warfield is worth at least \$629,529.

The federal court jury on Wednesday awarded that amount to businessman Richard Rentz, who said his introduction of Warfield to two Miami, Fla., businessmen led to a lucrative license to design, manufacture and distribute NFL athletic sportswear.

Warfield was dismissed as a defendant in Rentz' civil lawsuit before the trial.

Rentz said that in exchange for introducing Armando Mendez and Ignacio Mendez to Warfield, he received an oral contract that called for him to receive 1 percent of the gross sales of their company, Dynasty Apparel Industries Inc.

Those sales have exceeded \$62.9 million since Rentz made the introduction at a baseball game in Cincinnati in the fall of 1990, according to testimony.

The jury also found that Rentz is to continue to receive 1 percent of Dynasty's gross sales as long as the company and Warfield remain in their joint venture.

Dynasty's attorney, Jeffrey Cox, told the jury Rentz had no contract or understanding with Dynasty or the Mendez brothers to receive 1 percent of Dynasty's gross sales.

"That's a very expensive introduction," Cox said.

Track runs away with awards

Serrano named Female Athlete of the Year, Conwright and Wells share Male award

By Bryce Alderton
Mustang Daily

Track and Field stole the show at the Cal Poly Athletic Department Awards Banquet Thursday.

The 17th Annual Night of the Mustang Awards Banquet, held in Chumash Auditorium, honored all student-athletes and named the 1998-99 Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

Junior track standout Kaaron Conwright shared the Male Athlete of the Year Award with senior wrestler David Wells. Senior Pole vaulter Paula Serrano walked away with the Female Athlete of the Year honors. It was the first time the Male Athlete of the Year Award was shared.

Conwright is an All-American in the 100 and 200 meters, the defending Big West champion in both events and is ranked third in the nation in the 100 with a time of 10.17 seconds at the Mount Sac relays.

Wells won the Pacific-10 conference title at Stanford in the 174-pound weight class, was an All-American last year and won 16 consecutive matches to end the 1998-99 season.

Serrano holds the second-best collegiate pole vault mark ever at 13-7, which won her the 1999 Big West title. She will be making her second-straight NCAA Championship appearance.

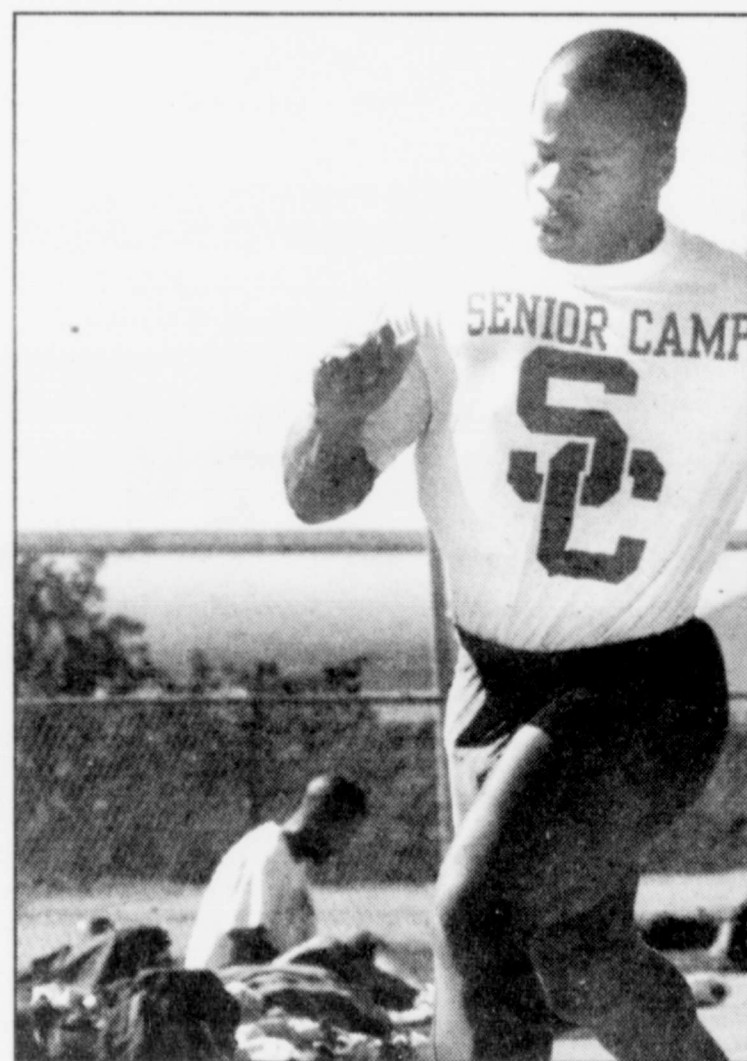
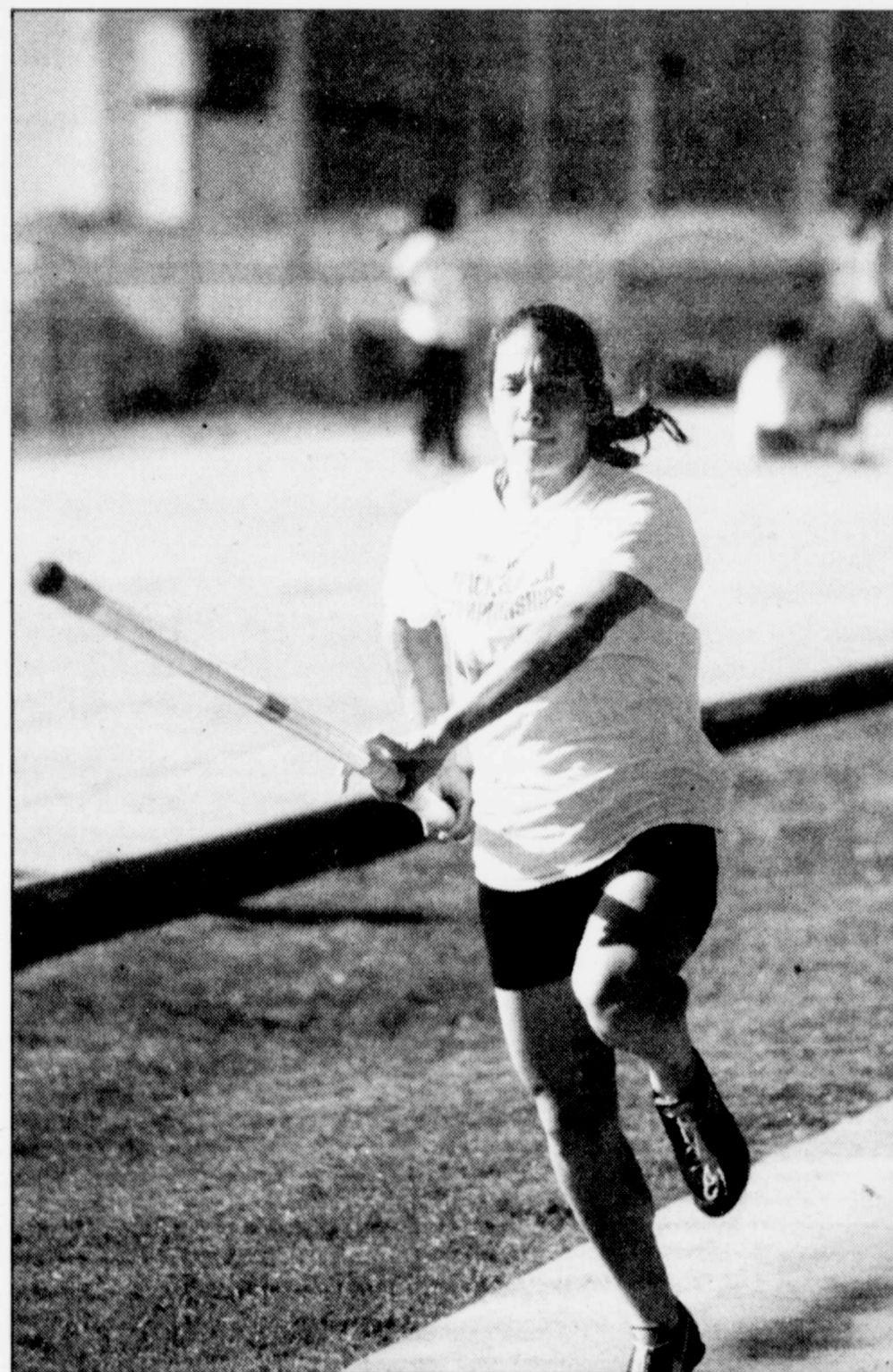
Several other awards were handed out at the ceremony.

Senior men's swimmer Eric Wyles and senior volleyball player Kristin Moro were named Cal Poly Scholar Athletes of the Year.

Senior baseball player Dan Merritt was nominated for the 1998-99 NCAA Sportsperson of the Year Award.

Three student-athletes received certificates for the 1998-99 Arthur Ashe Award for success in the classroom. Sophomore women's soccer player Katie Kassis, junior men's tennis player Alan Regala and senior men's swimmer Mario Esola were honored.

Four student-athletes were also honored as they were selected to the NCAA Leadership Conference this year. Sophomore volleyball player Jessica Roden, junior football player Osbaldo Orozco, junior men's basketball player Mike Wozniak and junior women's soccer player Natalia Garcia will be making the trek to the conference.



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TOP RIGHT: Senior pole vaulter Paula Serrano practices her technique as she prepares to head to the NCAA Championships on June 2. She was named Female Athlete of the Year. **ABOVE LEFT:** Kaaron Conwright sprints around the track. **ABOVE RIGHT:** David Wells wrestles to a top finish in the PAC-10 Conference. Both men were named Male Athlete of the Year at the Cal Poly Athletic Department Awards Banquet Thursday.

Report: Lakers may keep Rambis

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers are leaning strongly toward hiring Kurt Rambis as permanent coach, according to a published report.

The Los Angeles Times reported Thursday that several unidentified sources close to the situation said key Laker executives favor the selection of Rambis, who took over on an interim basis from Del Harris in February.

No contract negotiations have begun and team

executive vice president Jerry West and general manager Mitch Kupchak have yet to formally present Rambis as their choice to owner Jerry Buss, the sources said.

Lakers spokesman John Black said the team had no comment on the Times report.

"We are not ready to discuss that publicly yet," Black said.

Despite the Dennis Rodman fiasco, Rambis led the Lakers past Houston in the first round of the

NBA playoffs before losing four straight to San Antonio.

"The feeling is this team has to grow together, and you don't do that by firing the coach after such a traumatic season," one Times source said.

West and Kupchak surveyed key Laker players about Rambis and several — led by a rousing endorsement by Kobe Bryant — said they would fully support his return, the Times sources said.